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Detonation Shock Radius Experiments

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Outline



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Detonation Shock Dynamics – 1st Order

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- Relationship between local wave curvature and local normal detonation velocity

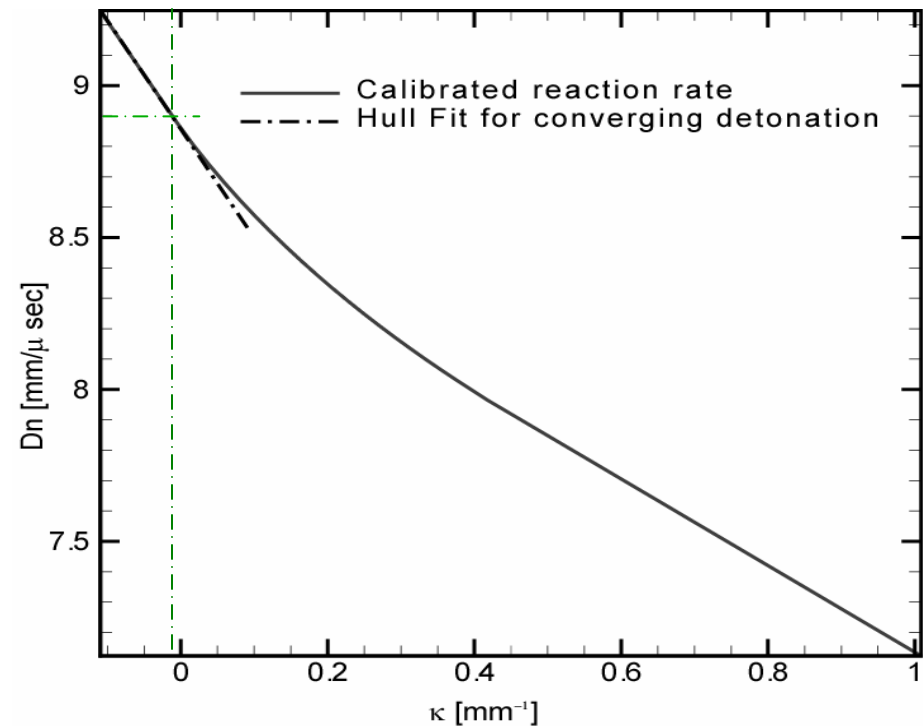
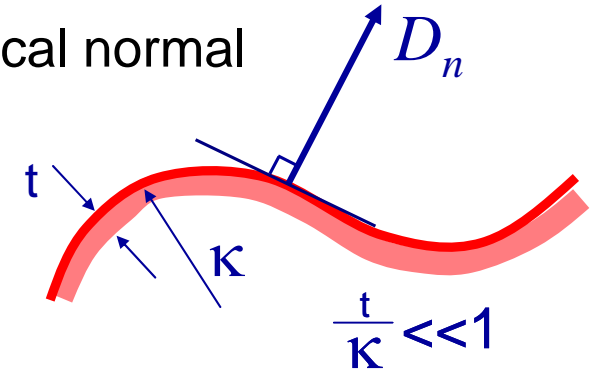
$$D_n = D_{CJ} (1 - \nu \kappa)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{f''(x)}{\{1 + [f'(x)]^2\}^{3/2}}$$

D_{CJ} = steady state Chapman-Jouguet velocity

ν = empirical constant to curvature data

κ = mean curvature of the detonation wave



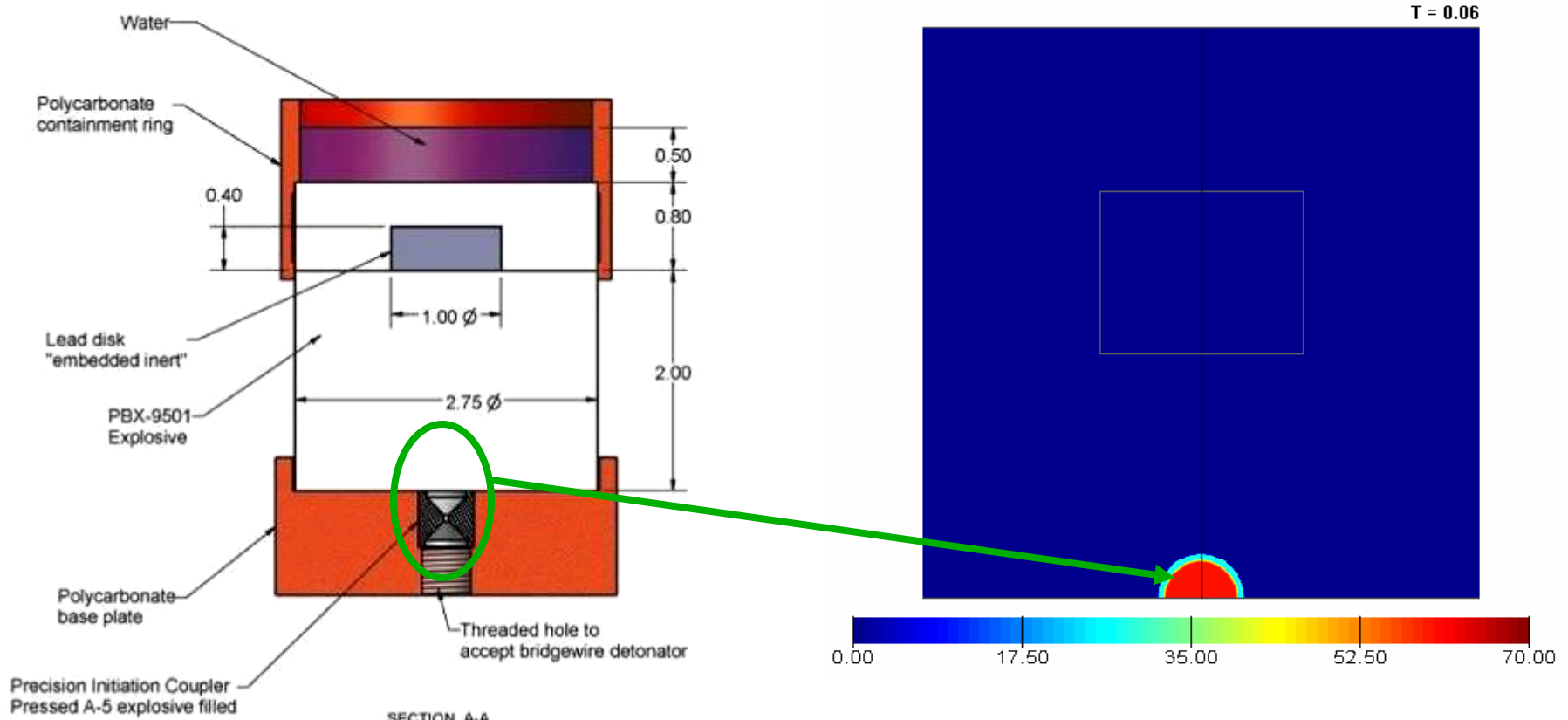


“Passover” Validation Experiment



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- Single hemispherical wave transforms into a colliding toroidal structure
- Exercises the DSD wavetracking, EOS, and rate law over a wide range of detonation states
- Assumptions were made on the initial shock radius, starting point of the DSD wavefront

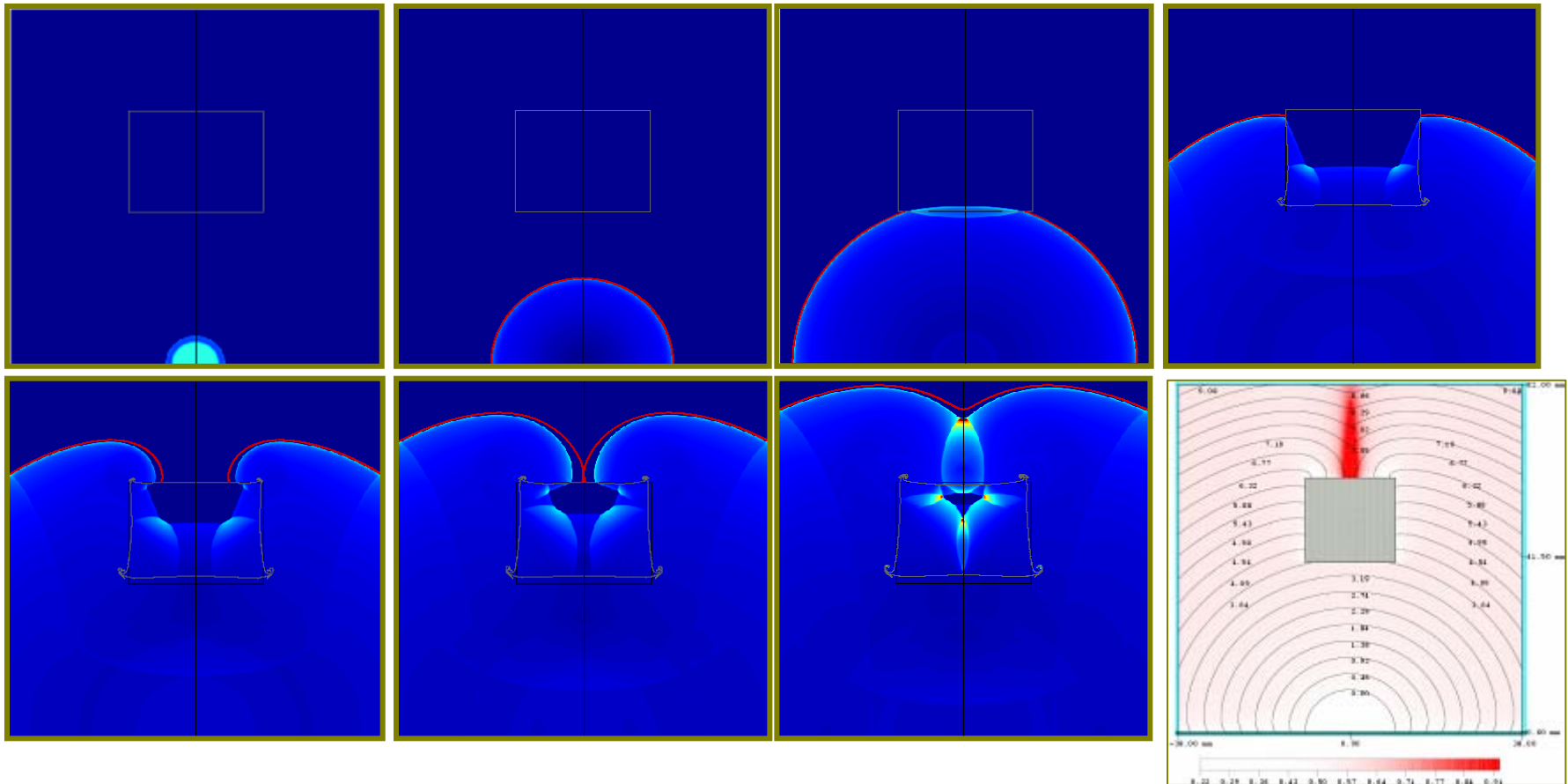




Clips from “Passover” Experiment Video



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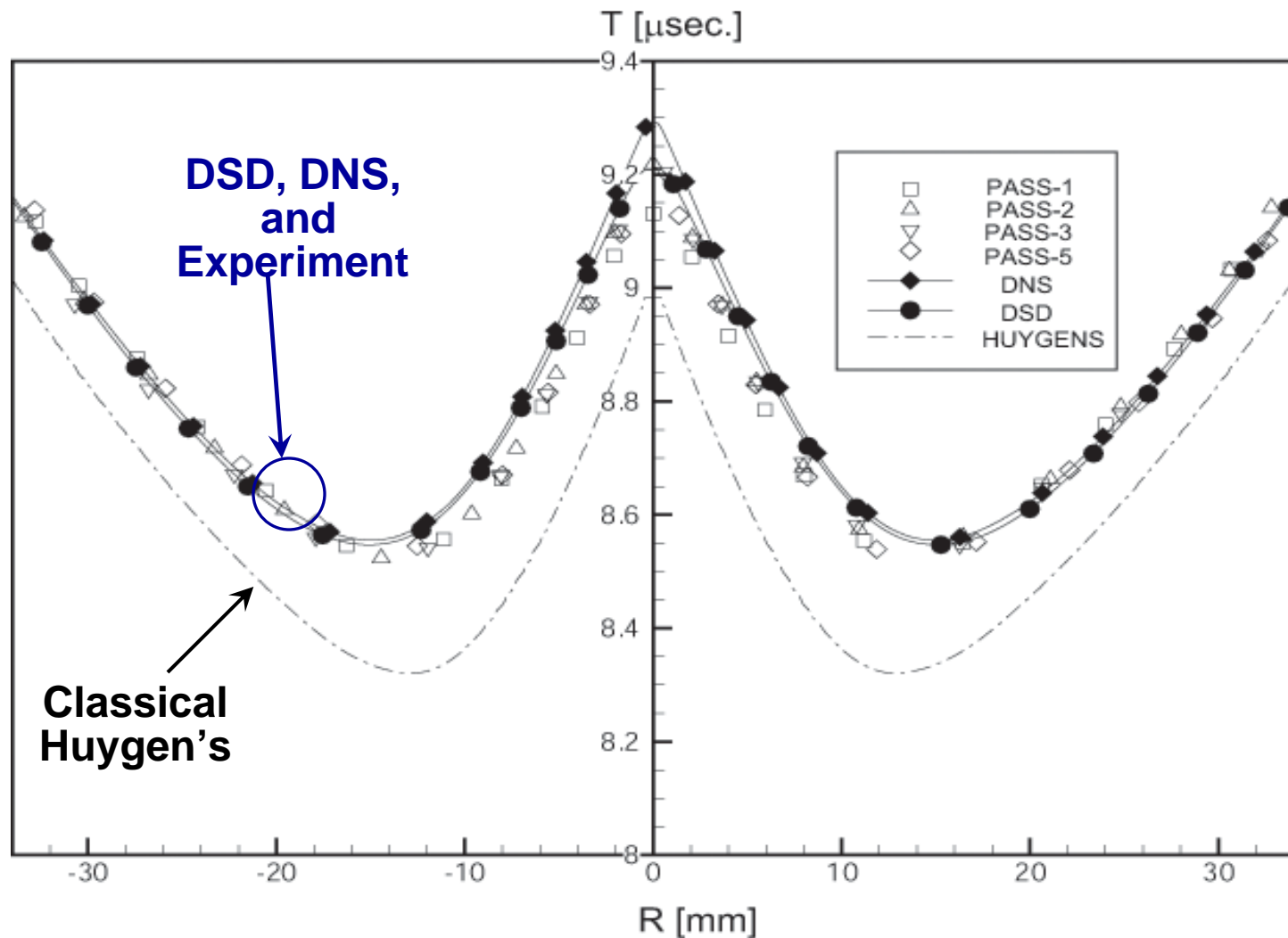


Comparison of “Passover” Experiment



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Time-of-arrival record across the top surface of the charge



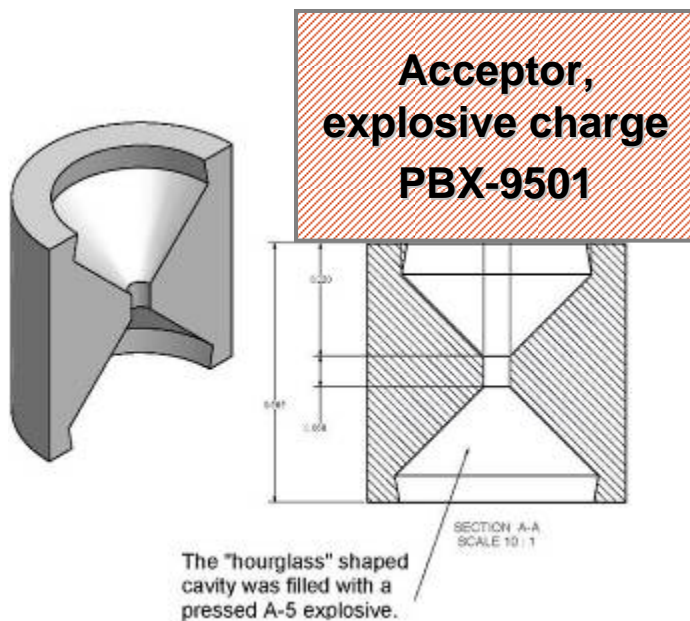


DSD-based Initiation Size



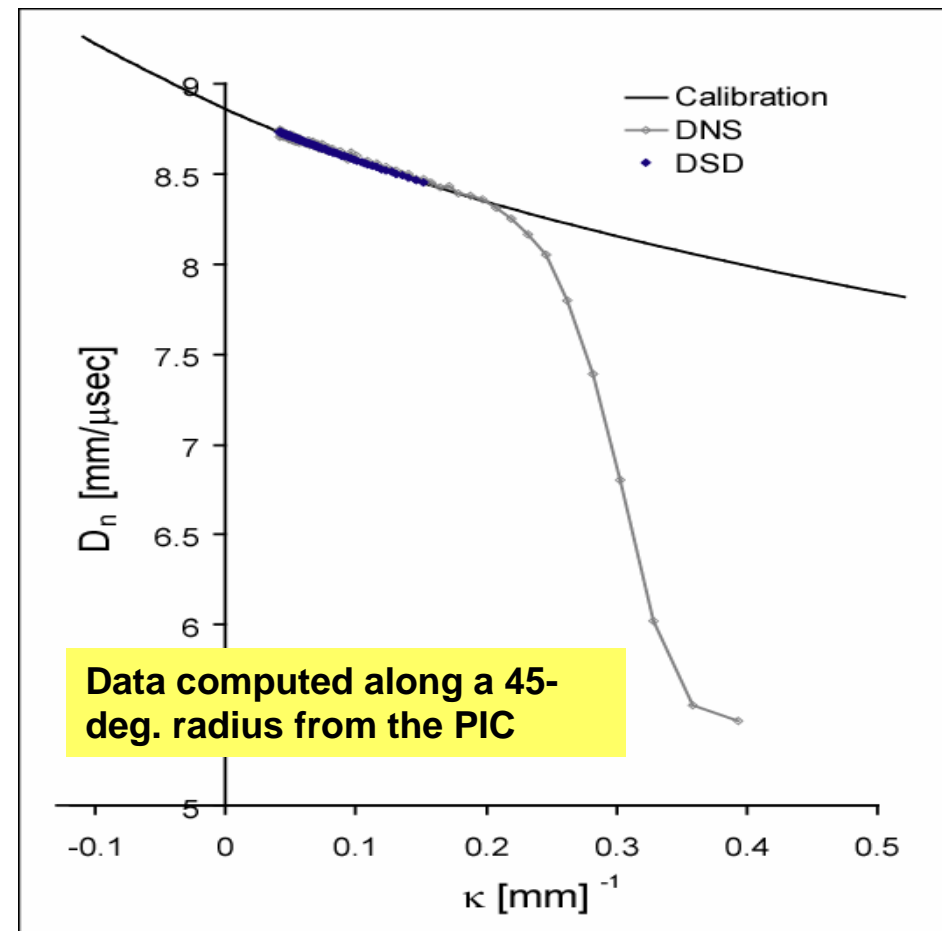
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- Initiation curvature and radius-growth to reach DSD-based assumptions and comparison to Direct Numerical Simulations



“Precision Initiation Coupler (PIC)”

- Self-centering
- 680mg of Composition A-5 (98.5% RDX, 1.5% stearic acid)
- Near-point initiation (0.052")



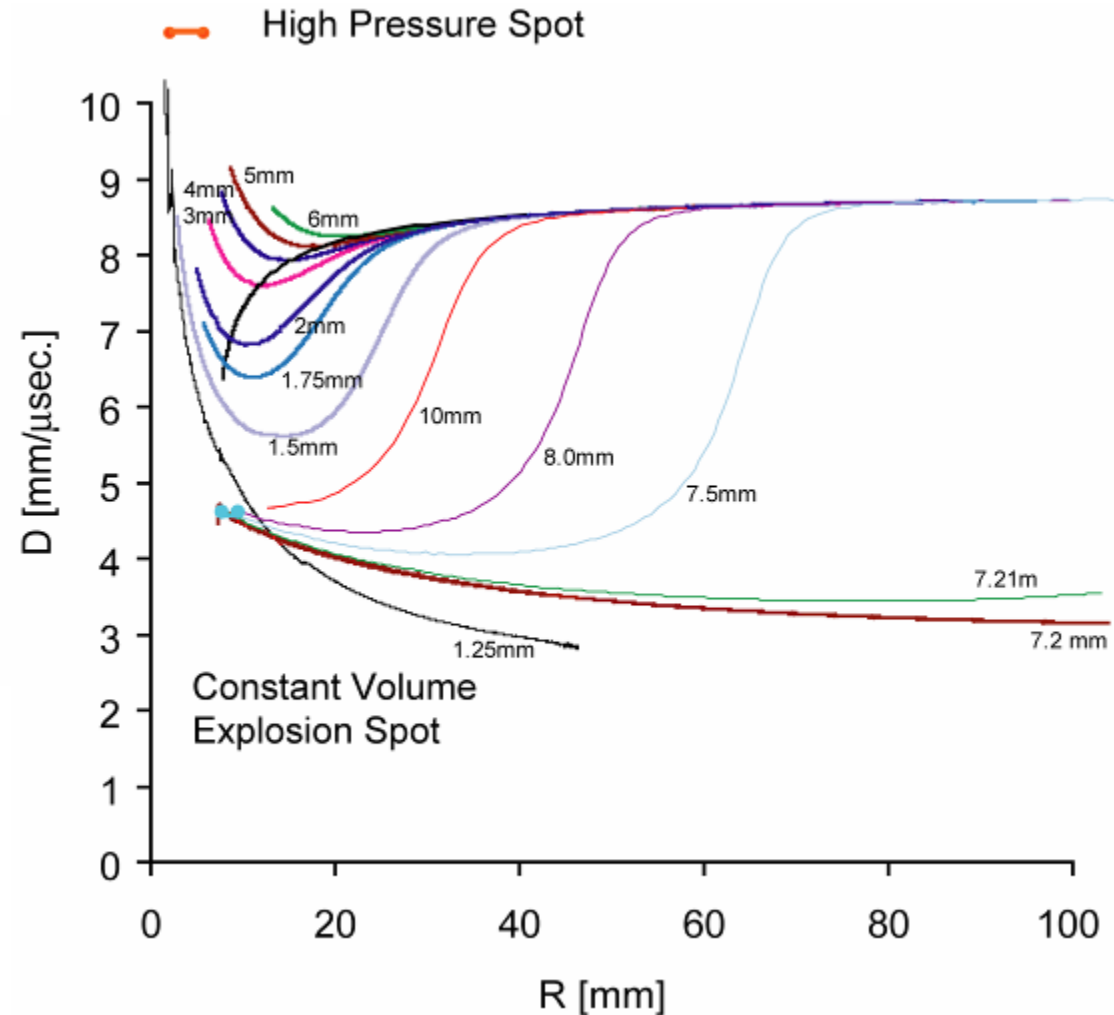
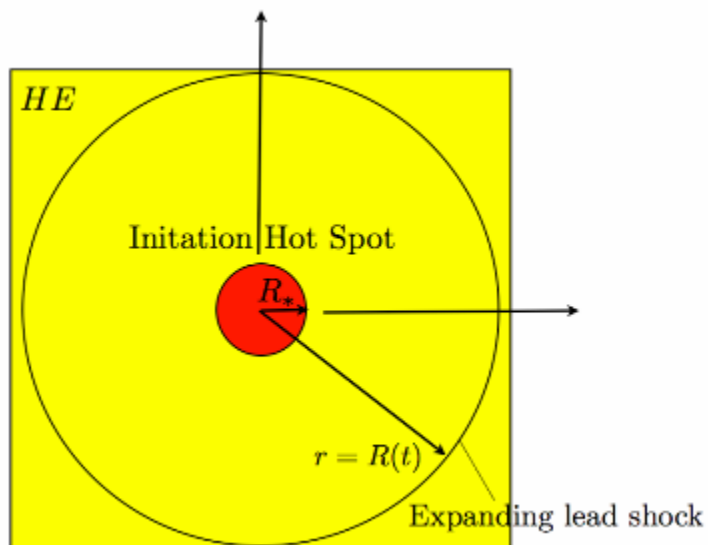


Spot-Size / Initiation Radii



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- Simulated $Dn-R$ response for PBX-9501, initiated from various hot-spot radii, both spherical low pressure and high pressure.



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Characterization Experiments



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Objective: Characterize the initial shock profile transmitted from the composition A-5 loaded Precision Initiation Coupler to PBX-9501 explosive charges

Approach: “Cut-back Technique” Obtain detonation shock front time-of-arrival data on small, rectangular prisms of explosives

- Time-of-arrival, wave front contour is the key data
- Streak camera and ultra-high speed digital imaging
 - Cordin 132a with 100u slit-width, 12mm/us writing rate, TMAX-3200 film
 - Imacon 200 Ultra-high speed framing camera at nominally 100-ns interframe time and 15ns duration
- PBX-9501 – initiated w/ RP-1 and A-5 PIC system. Needed initial radius for DSD

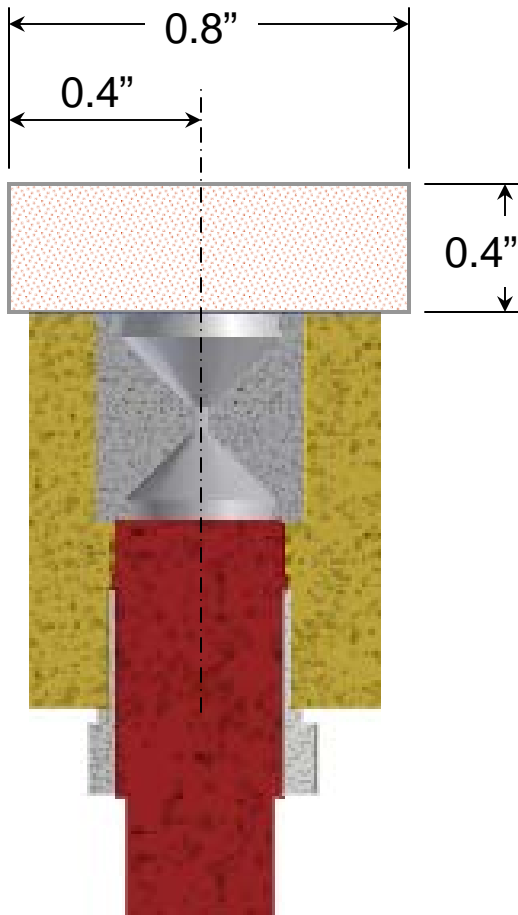


Example Charge Configurations

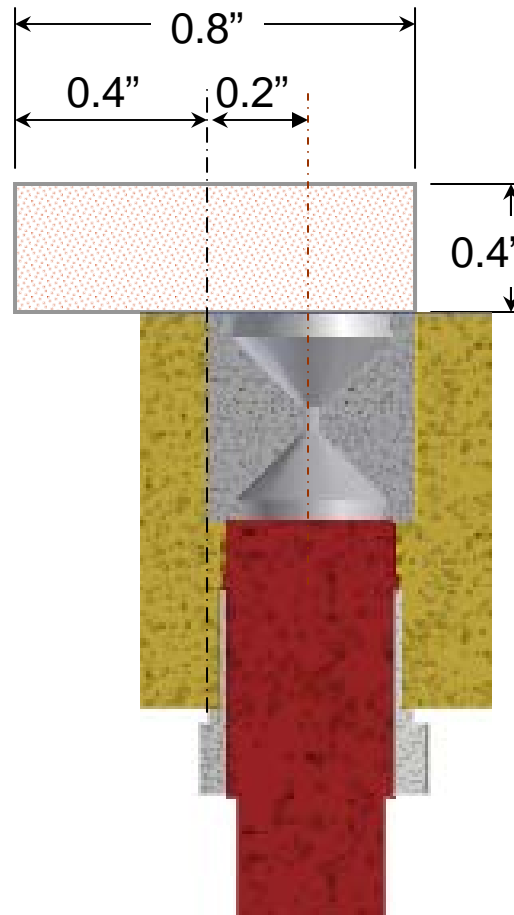


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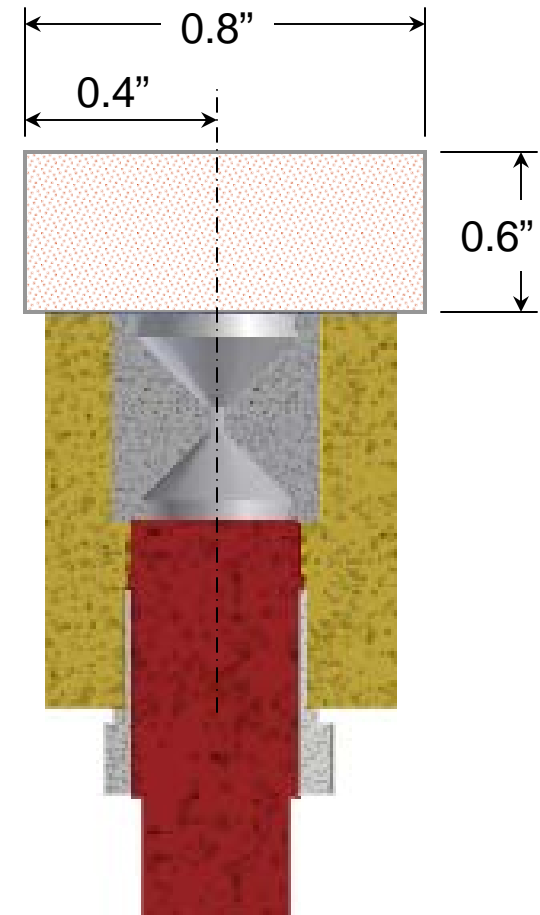
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ISC-5



ISC-7 & ISC-8

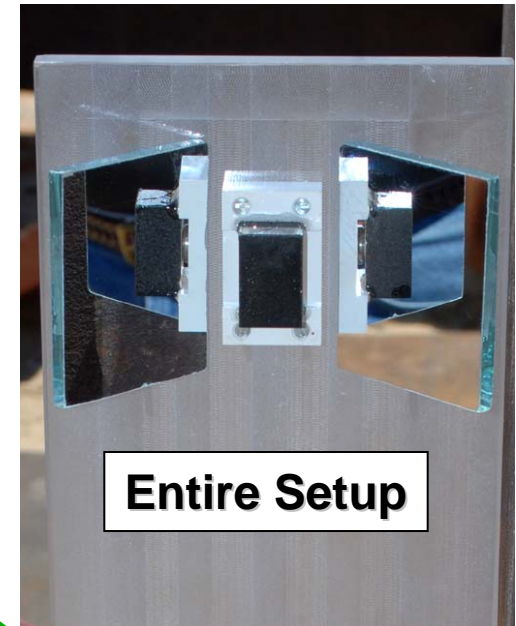
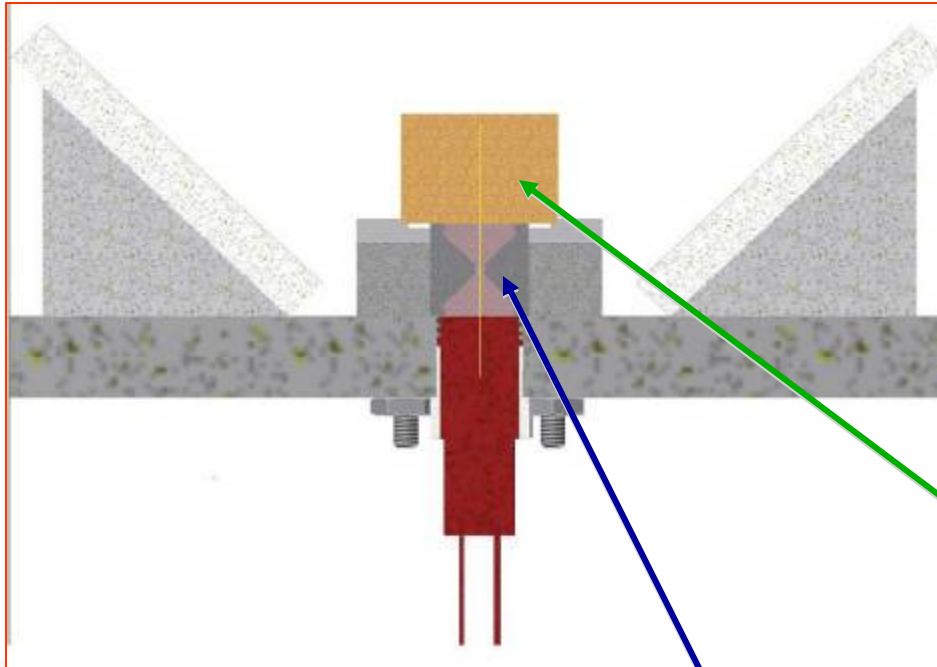




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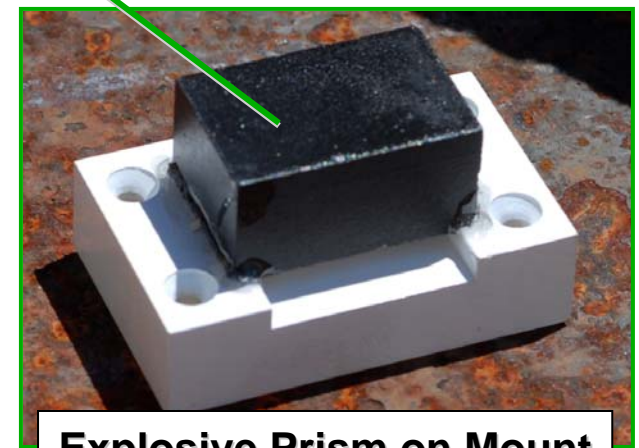
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Entire Setup



A-5 loaded PIC



Explosive Prism on Mount



Example Streak Film (PBX-9501)

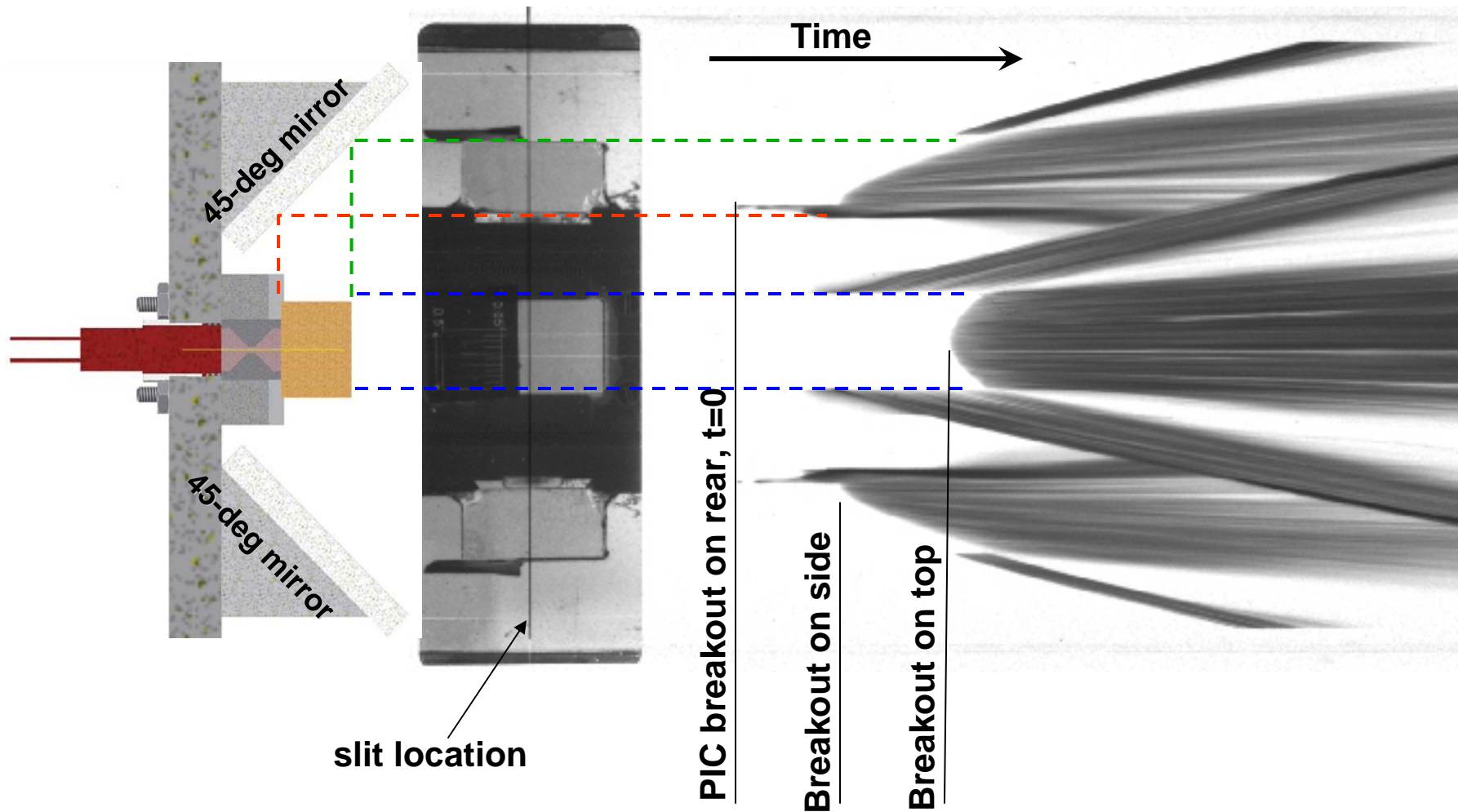


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Cross-Section

Static Image

Dynamic Image



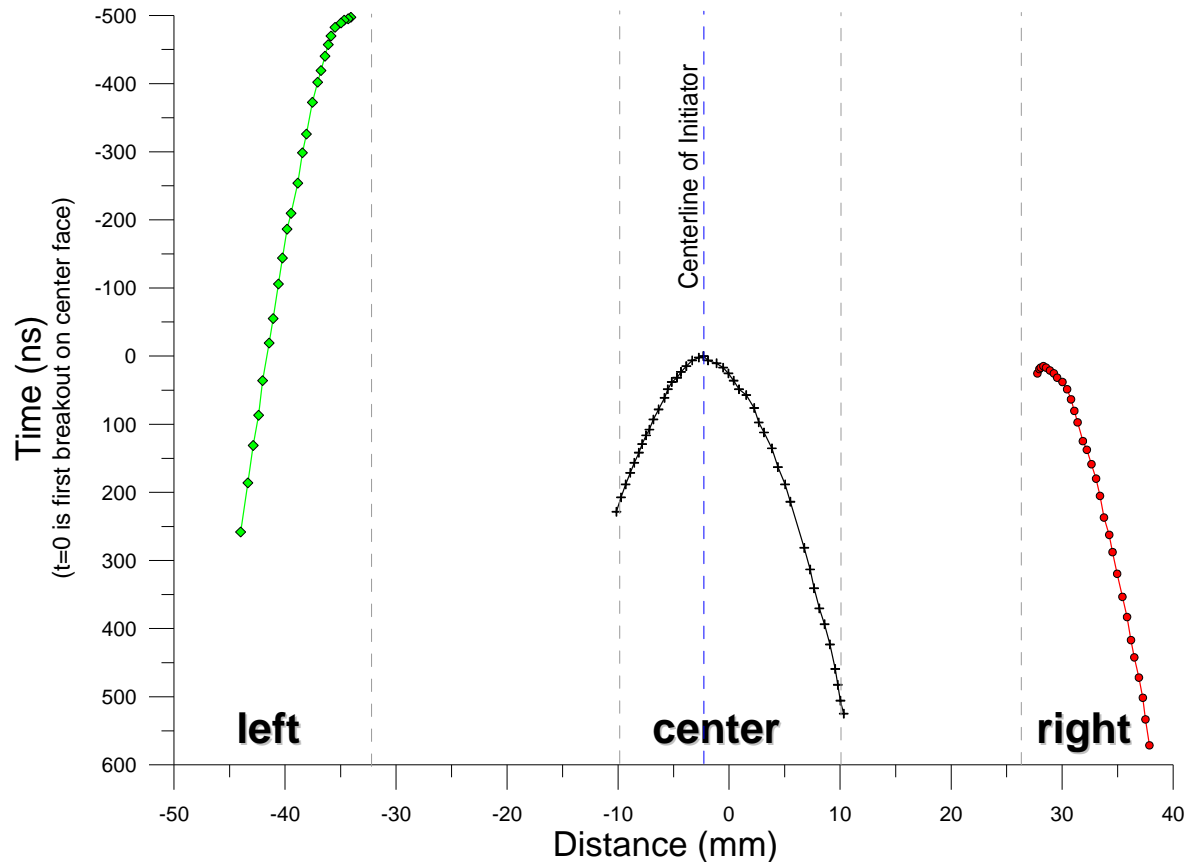
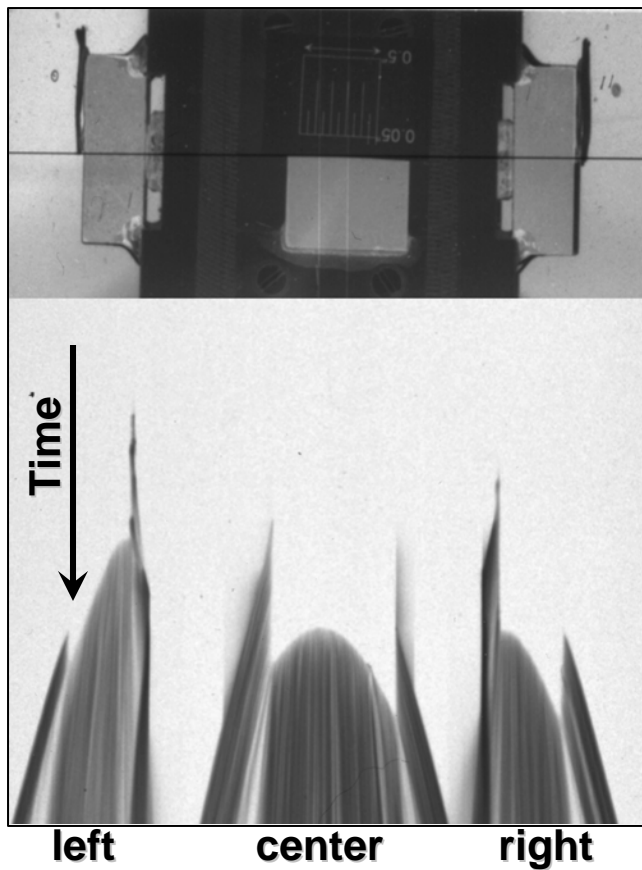


PBX-9501 w/ RP-1/PIC Initiator



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- RP-1/PIC “Research” initiation system offset from charge centerline by 0.10-inch (2.54mm) towards the ‘left side’
- Response, lateral lobes, is a nearly ideal detonation

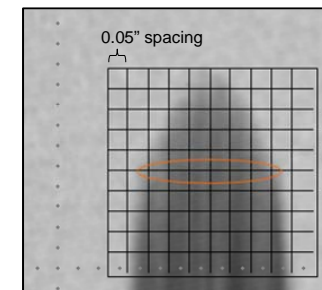
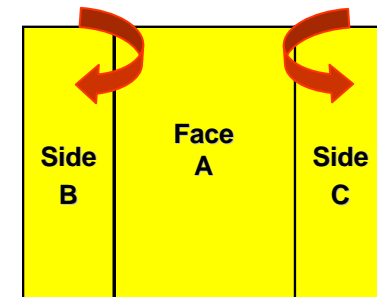
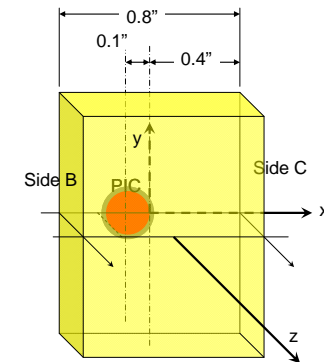
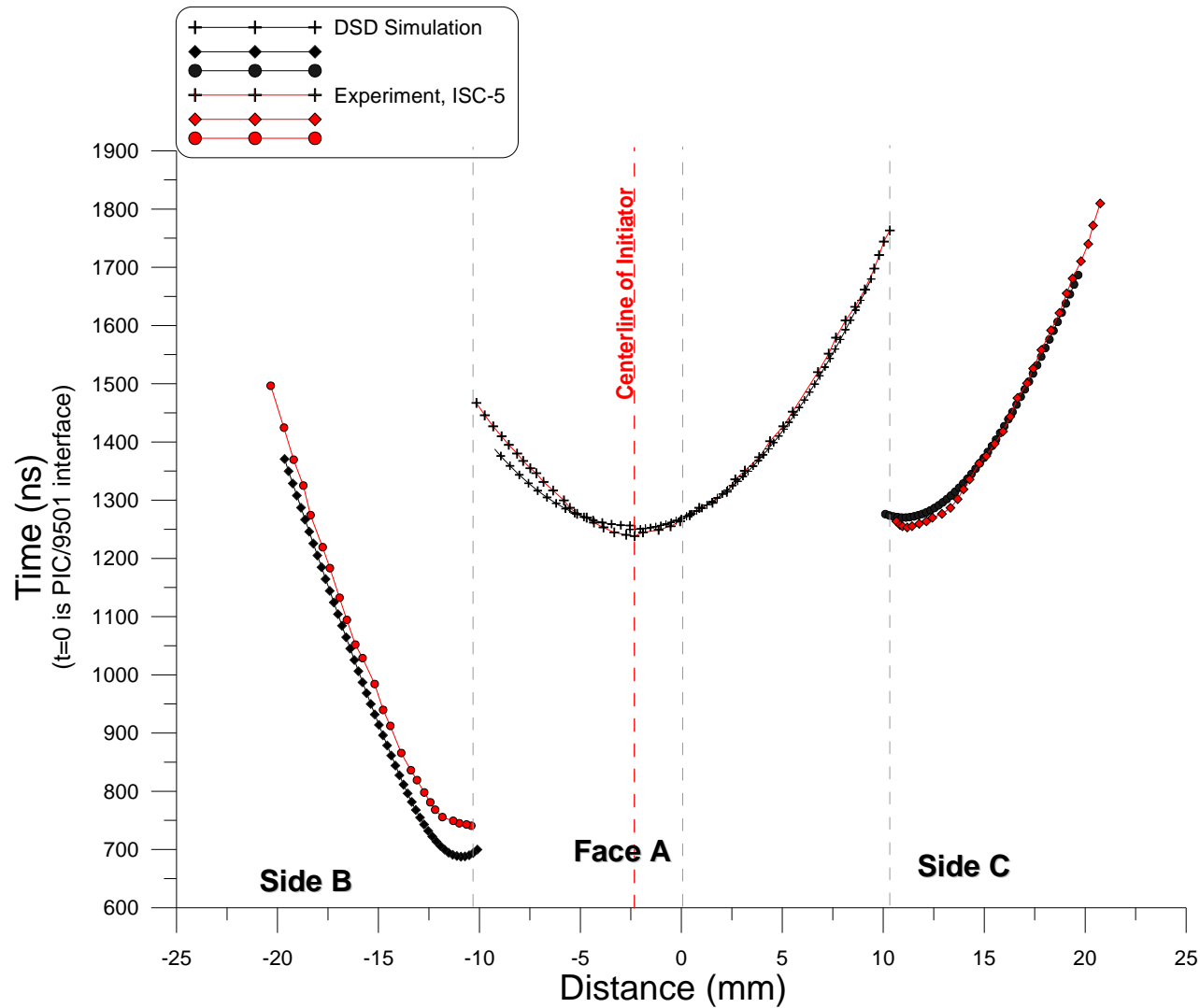




ISC-5 Comparison w/ DSD



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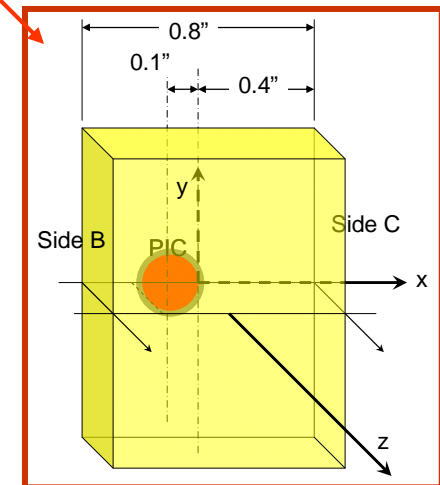
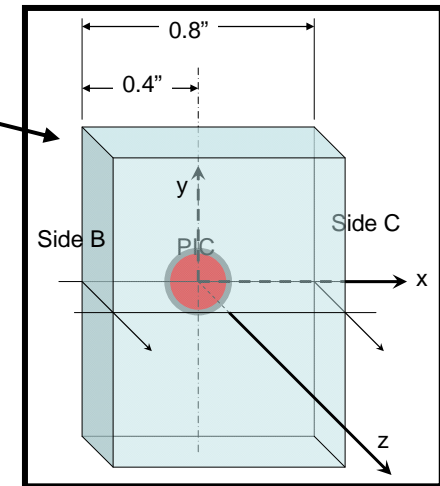
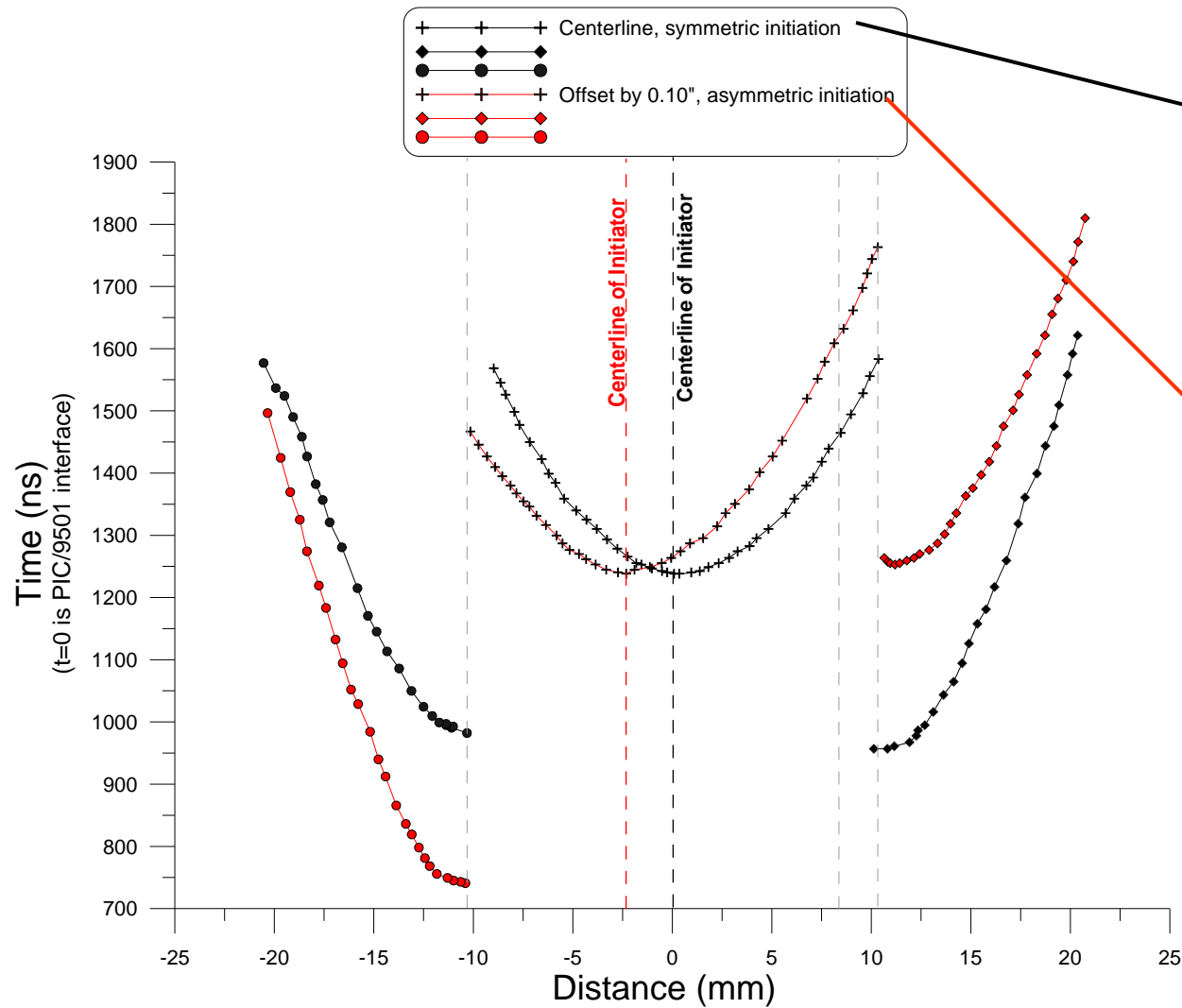
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output



Symmetric and Offset Initiation



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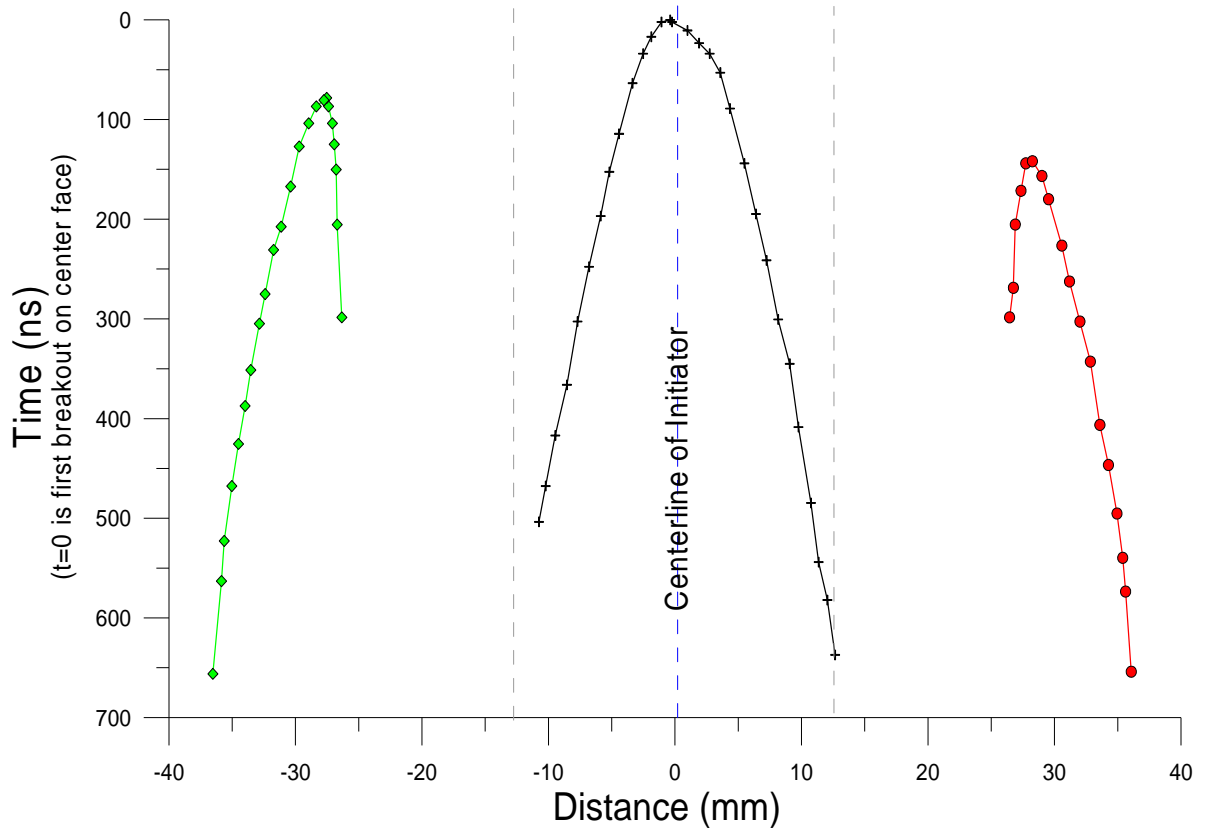
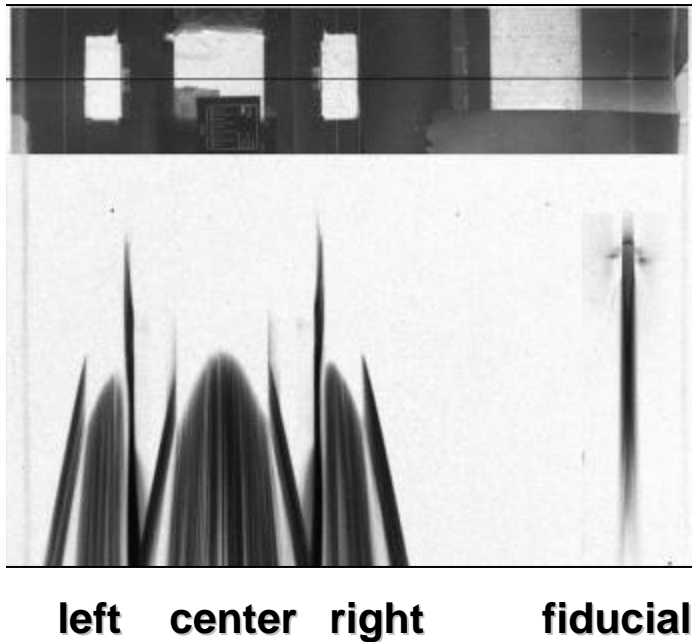


PBXN-9 – Non-Ideal Response (shot ISC-100)



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- PBXN-9 Explosive prism, 10-mm height (25mm x 25mm)
- Delayed corner turning



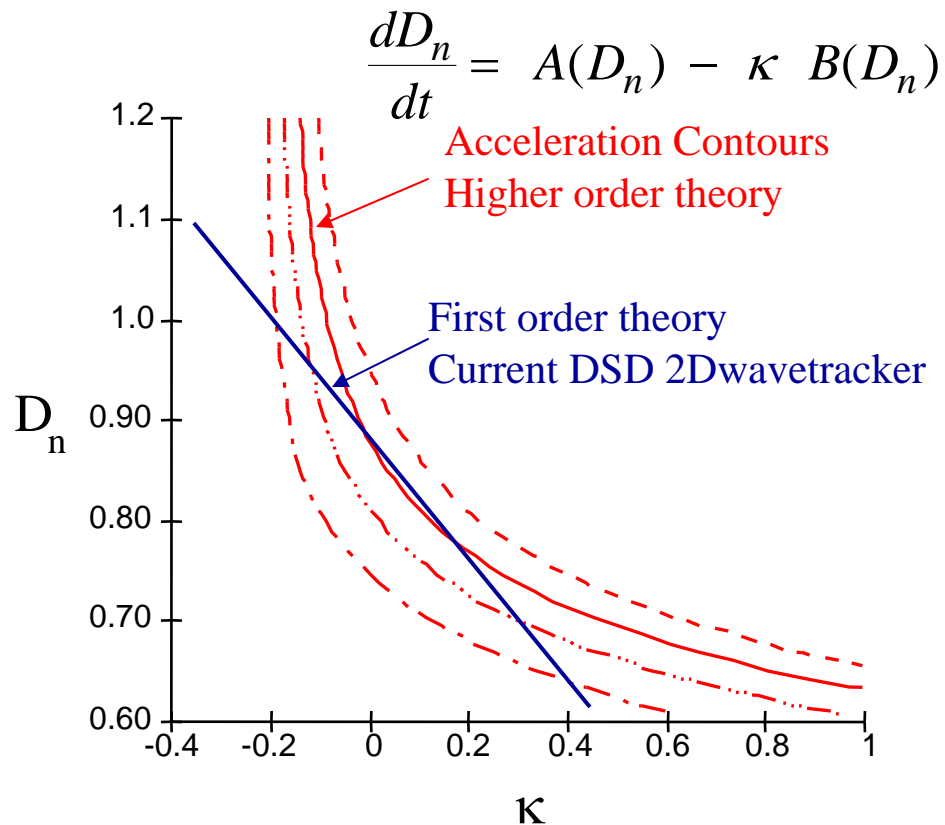


Working Towards Diffraction and Transient Detonation States



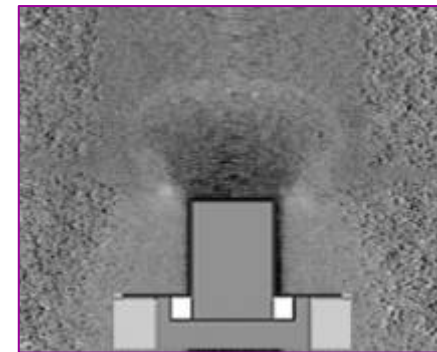
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D_n - κ Curves for Nonideal EOS

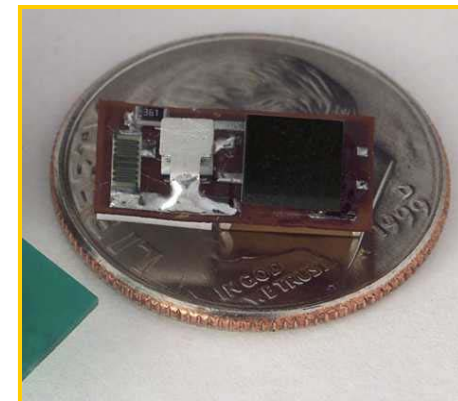


→ The extended theory leads to \dot{D}_n, D_n, κ relation and produces hyperbolic PDE's

- Application to miniaturized detonators
- Understanding initiation criteria
- Diffraction of the detonation



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Summary



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- Characterizing the initiation shock transfer, 'Birth of the Wave' is being used to validate the prior assumptions for DSD simulations
- Initial input radius created by the precision initiation coupler (PIC) is under study for analysis of these experiments
- Developing engineering prescriptions of initial shock radii using DSD-based simulations
 - 'Ideal' PBX-9501 shows no corner-turning delay, 'non-ideal' PBXN-9 does show delays in the corner-turning
- Further analysis and extension on these experiments will be a part of transient detonation and shock profile measurements